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Old Bachelors.

Love an old bachelor, bless me who can!

As long as the earth can afford a young man,

What is it? What is it? What is it?

That makes the old fellows so foolish and vain?

To think he should ask me to marry him, Ooh!

And say I was foolish! for answering "No,"

I reckon he thinks his gold can replace,

The charms that have faded away from his face.

But gallant young Harry is dearer to me,

Than all the old Bachelor's money can buy,

You see me but love, and though too busy for lots,

No man of contention, shall grow by my side,

Through away with old Bachelor money, indeed,

And give me my lover, solar rays and all,

Thoughtless is his purpose, but not his heart,

And the will buy most I am longing for.

WILLIAM WEBSTER.

*This is according to Webster, and if you please prefer it.

From Sartain's Magazine.

THE DANGEROUS BEAUTIES.

[FROM THE GERMAN OF E. STOLLE.]

The lovely Whelming, just in her eighteenth year, the daughter of the poor ex-gymnast's widow, hung upon my neck and wept. I tried to comfort her in vain. At last I grew a little impatient, and exclaimed: "But I don't exactly see what this great misfortune is which you lament so."

"Cruel!"

"A week is not an eternity."

"The daughters of the Counsellor are very beautiful," said she.

"And if they were angels just come down from the seventh heaven of Mahomet, what then? I'll only look at them and then away."

"They are rich too," she sollicited again.

"Hanker not after riches, which the moth corrupts," I replied strong in Scripture.

"I have the most melancholy forebodings," said Whelming mournfully.

"Come, my love, to separations," returned I, "you will bear the worst."

"Comme il est luxembourgeois!"

"Some day, you are nothing to him," was my reply. "I declared to her that I could not, to my injury either of the Miss Jungsheads. That see them once," said her, "I wot you will be of a different opinion."

"Pherell!" cried Whelming sorrowfully, and clung again around my neck, "do not leave me, Frank!"

"But what can I do? I unanswered my uncle's wish is not unreasonable if I refuse to accede to it, it will excite suspicion. My second nature is persuaded that I dislike those ladies, only because I have never seen them; all he desires is that I should see them, nothing more. Cannot I grant him this satisfaction? Besides this autumn weather is fair and mild; I get free from the counting-room a week, and have a pleasant time of it?"

"And you will forget me," said the dear dear reproachfully.

"My heart and my thoughts are with you always," I said in a soothing tone, "no matter how far away fate bears me."

When Whelming saw that I was resolved to comply with my uncle's wishes, and start the next day for West Ely, where the first competitor against her in the race our daughter resolved, with regard to us, to be the inevitable. I was about to leave, when I promised over and over again that such a meeting should shake me to the very roots, and possible solemnity, and that I would be bound to it, though gloriously over man's worst enemy in the world. My tried old friend, the Counsellor, has set his heart too, on this connexion. Every woer is not so highly favored. I had to run my legs off to get my wife. The old people were opposed to it and spit fire and flames. Fortune lies before you—*sieze it at once!*"

"Sieze it at once!" said I to myself, as I reflected; that is soon said, but my hands are tied, and so is my heart too; and even if therefore, we rejoice that so many here

to day are engaged in efforts to subdue this destroyer of domestic and social conduct, this destroyer of body and soul.

Your presence on the bright Christmas morning inspects your daughters—I will just amuse myself with this bridal review. So much I owe to my benefactor, to whom I am indebted for everything. I am not forced to marry one of the damsels; I will merely look at them—that will not cost anything!

In these soliloquies my little carriage rolled along the road. It was a lovely forenoon in autumn, the sun shone on the hills, on which the vintage was just beginning. The most fertile landscape few pastures the bottoms of the fruit trees were bent heavily to the earth. From tree to tree, planted on both sides of the road, the busy spiders fed during the night woven their silken webs, on which the dew-drops glistened like diamonds.

I ran a little curiously about these daughters of the Counsellor; I continued in my soliloquy: "my uncle seemed at a loss for words in praising their beauty; but I don't exactly understand how they have remained so long unengaged, if they are such miracles. I suppose good made has been somewhat blinded by the hard dollars, as is often the case with these old speculating men of business."

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It was ten o'clock on the next day, when I reached the large and spacious estate of the rich Counsellor. The morning was so beautiful, the country so delightful, that I resolved to leave my horse at a little inn about a quarter of a league from West Ely, and pursue the rest of the way on foot.

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